

**Frequently Asked Questions
Radio Communications Tower
Stiles Road, Boylston, MA 01505**

Has the Town considered the so called “TV-27 Tower”? Yes, the Town did consider locating its radio communication system on the existing tower located at 521 Cross Street. Due to the cost of the monthly rental, the age of the existing tower, and the uncertainty of the future of the tower, it was decided it would be in the Town’s best interest to be in control of this vital piece of public safety infrastructure.

Who was the point person in the Town on this project? Was it the Police Department or the Town’s Board of Selectmen? Detective Sergeant Thomasian has spearheaded the project for the Town, with multiple meetings with Department Heads from the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, Municipal Light Department, Facilities Technician, and Town Administrator. Reports from the project meetings were delivered to the Board of Selectmen on a regular basis.

What engineering firm was hired to conduct the due diligence and formulate a plan for implementing the new communication equipment? Motorola was hired by the Town to develop the new radio communication system.

What other sites were considered by the engineering company for the tower being installed on Stiles Road? If other sites were not; why weren't they? The proposed locations were chosen to provide the best radio communication coverage for the Town.

Did the engineering firm voice any concerns with the close proximity of residential homes, etc.? No

Was the construction project put out to bid? Is there a requirement to do so? The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains a state-wide bid list that may be utilized by state agencies and municipalities to purchase supplies and services. All companies on the state-wide bid list have been vetted and selected by the Commonwealth pursuant to a competitive solicitation process. The Town is able to contract with vendors and contractors listed on the state-wide bid list without going to out to bid. Motorola, Green Mountain, and CyberCom are on the state-wide bid list.

Did this ever go in front of the zoning board? If not, why not? This project was not required to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Due to the close proximity of the Tower to residential structures, the road, etc how is the Town handling any liability issues in the event of damage or injuries caused from ice falling off the Tower and if for some reason the structure comes down? The tower is engineered to stay upright. If the tower were to collapse, it would most likely be due to a catastrophic event such as a tornado.

Did any of the Selectmen ever visit the proposed Stiles construction site or know the size of the plot of land and the close proximity of homes? Yes, the Board of Selectmen is familiar with the subject property.

Why were the abutters never formally notified? The abutters were not formally notified due to the project being exempt from the Town's Wireless Communication Facility Bylaw and not being subject to Site Plan Review.

When was the Town, Finance Committee, and Town Selectman informed of the Tower site locations? Site locations were discussed based on information generated from the coverage maps. The Board of Selectmen was updated throughout the project development, during public meetings by reports from the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Town Administrator

Please provide me with copies of the Meeting Agendas, Meeting Minutes, or links to the Town website where the sites were mentioned and not just the overall project. We were told all of this is publicly available with the site locations clearly listed out. You can find the documentation you are requesting on the Town's website links listed here:

Agendas and Meeting Minutes

<https://www.boylston-ma.gov/board-selectmen>

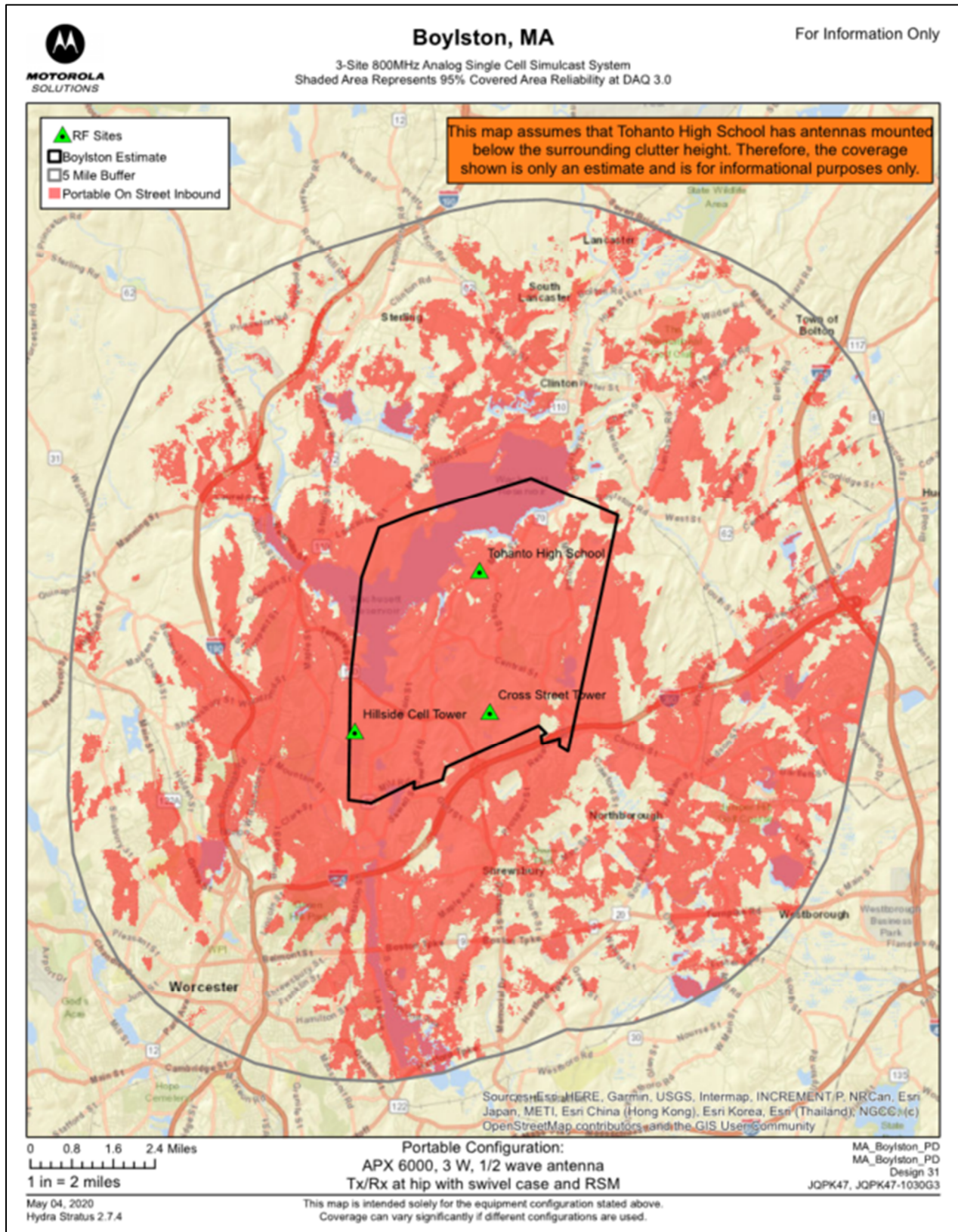
Radio Communication Project Information

<https://www.boylston-ma.gov/board-selectmen/pages/radio-communication-project>

Meeting dates where Radio Communications were discussed:

- January 16, 2018
- June 18, 2018
- March 11, 2019
- September 9, 2019
- October 24, 2019
- December 5, 2019
- January 7, 2020
- February 10, 2020
- March 9, 2020
- April 21, 2020
- May 4, 2020
- May 18, 2020
- June 29, 2020
- December 14, 2020
- February 14, 2022
- March 23, 2022
- March 18, 2022
- April 11, 2022
- May 2, 2022
- June 6, 2022
- July 19, 2022

Please provide me with a copy of this report from the engineering firm.



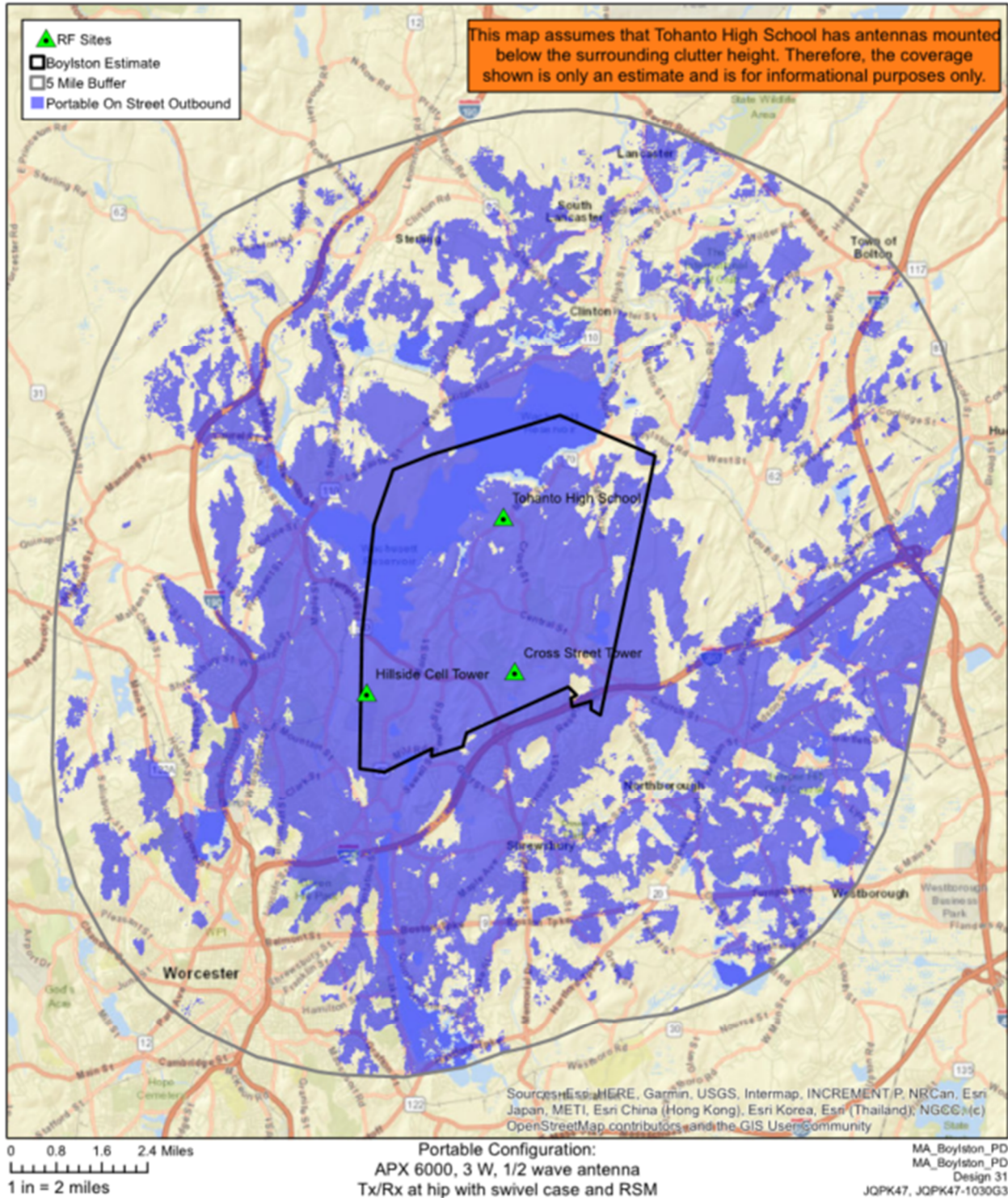


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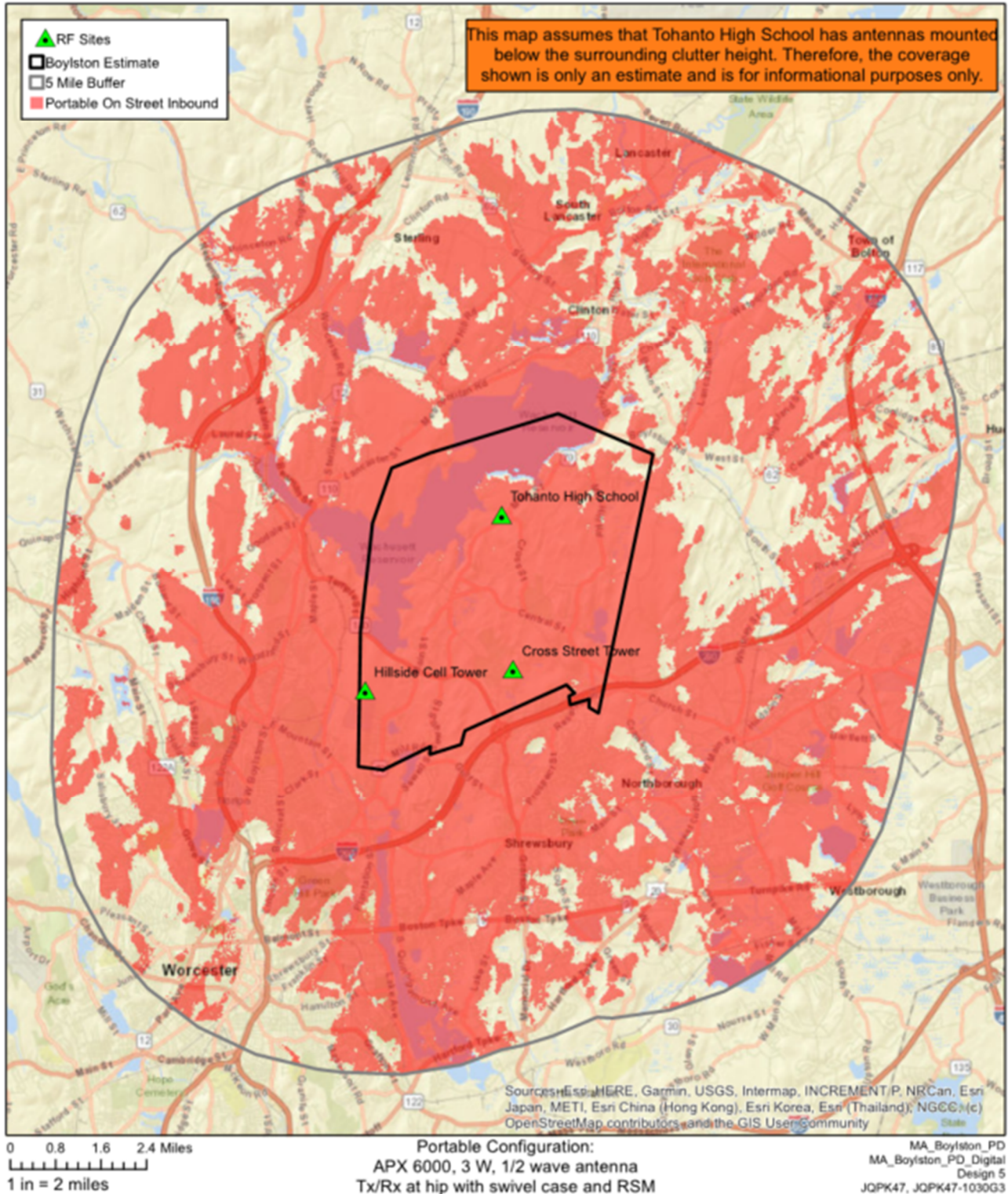




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Who provided the go ahead on this project before putting it to a vote on May 2nd? The Fire Department, Police Department, Municipal Light Department, and Highway Department sponsored the Article. The Board of Selectmen approved placing the Article on the final Warrant.

What was discussed at the 11/29 meeting. There was no meeting of the Board of Selectmen on 11/29. Andrew and Mary Cutter requested a meeting with Selectman Matt Mecum and Mr. Cutter brought a large group of neighbors to the meeting. Meeting with one member of a board does not constitute a public meeting, under the Open Meeting Law.

Will this tower be used for cellular telephone communications? This tower is for public safety communications, utilizing UHF radio frequencies, and it is engineered solely for that purpose. The tower *is not* engineered to have cell arrays mounted to it.